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Today, Rep. Lee Terry (R-NE) released the following statement after President Barack Obama announced the U.S. will pull all of its troops from Iraq by the end of December. A small number of military personnel is expected to remain in U.S. diplomatic facilities.

"The brave men and women who have served our nation over the past nine years deserve our thanks and our support. They toppled a murderous dictator and never backed down from a challenge. As our two nations move forward we should celebrate the job our troops have done – while never forgetting the sacrifice so many have paid," Terry said.